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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7127**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 405

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 8, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Municipal Election Schedule.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Miller

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill establishes a procedure by which a majority of the municipalities in a county may require the county election board to conduct municipal elections in even-numbered years. The bill requires a county containing a consolidated city to conduct municipal elections in even-numbered years beginning in 2012.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) *Summary:* Under the bill, municipalities, where the county runs the municipal election, would have the option to move municipal elections from the current odd-year election to an even-year election. There would be a cost savings to municipalities and their respective counties under the proposal. The impact on local expenditures would depend on local action.

Under the bill, Marion County municipal elections would be conducted in even-numbered years beginning in 2012. Marion County and the municipalities who chose to move their elections to even-number years, would likely see a cost savings in election expenses.

*Background:* Expenses to run an election include: precinct election board per diem, rental of a facility for polling (if necessary), and/or voting equipment (if necessary.) Based on a small sample of Indiana counties,

per diem for election board members range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs.

A small sample of Indiana Counties had CY 2003 municipal election expenses that ranged from \$5,000 to \$680,000 (not including Marion.) Marion County had an estimated \$961,000 in election expense for the CY 2003 municipal general election.

Under current law, county election boards are required, with some exceptions, to conduct a municipal primary and election. Expenses from county-operated municipal elections are reimbursed by the municipality to the county. If the expenses of a municipal primary or election cannot be directly attributed to a single municipality, the expenses are apportioned 25% to the county and 75% to the municipalities in the county holding an election.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Marion County, Municipalities with a county election board that runs the municipal election.

**Information Sources:** LSA sample of counties.

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